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September 20, 2013

Shawn M. Garvin, Regional Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency- Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Garvin,

I am writing to you regarding your agency's plan for resolving any remaining issues with respect to the remediation of Operable Unit 1 (OU-1) of the North Penn Area 5 NPL Site (NP5 Site) in Colmar, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. It is my understanding that my constituent, BAE Systems, faces uncertainty about the status of OU-1 and I would ask that you assist them in reaching a final determination of status or an acceptable remediation method in a prompt fashion.

As you may know, following over thirty-five years of remediation efforts by BAE Systems and its predecessors, the firm has requested that it be allowed to use the monitored natural attenuation (MNA) method for the TCE remaining in the groundwater at the site. This would allow the EPA to remedy and monitor the site's performance going forward. Alternately, if the EPA were to delist OU-1, BAE could enter the property into the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Brownfields Remediation Program under the Pennsylvania Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act. Accordingly, promptly reaching an acceptable decision on OU-1 would remove a considerable amount of uncertainty for my constituent.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact Brett Doyle of my staff at brett_doyle@toomey.senate.gov or (202) 224-1003 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


Pat Toomey
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